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WINGS  
DELPHINIUM GARDEN

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NO FEAR of so-called business depression can destroy the sense of joy that comes from producing the really beautiful, in color or otherwise. The growing of Wings Delphiniums illustrates this. In this connection see excerpts from letters on pages ten and eleven. We thank all our friends for past favors.

No color has ever given quite the joy that blue has, whether it is sky or ocean, lovely silks and velvets, or flowers. Almost every human being loves blue. The first Delphinium was blue. It has been so highly hybridized that it has passed through many stages until the modern Delphinium of today is infinitely more beautiful than its original, and we now find it in varied shades and combinations of tints. But the demand now is for a more perfect blue Delphinium. The British, our friends across the water, where many of the best originated, tell us that they consider a true blue the most beautiful of all. So we are growing blues in every shade. We have had many inquiries for blue. *In our Special 1932 offer we list a new, startlingly beautiful gentian blue which we can highly recommend.*

Wings Delphiniums are unexcelled both for *cut flowers* and *garden displays*.

While we began with Wrexham Delphiniums exclusively, and still consider them our principal strain, we are constantly on the lookout for new things. At the time we first experimented with Samuel's Wrexhams we tried out seed of Blackmore and Langdon and have retained a number of the finest plants from this seed. Last year we tried out plants from a French firm and have a number of fine white specimens resulting from this seed. Each year we have continued to purchase seed from plants grown in Watkin Samuel's own garden in Wrex-

ham, Wales. All this in addition to the selection of the seed sown from our own finest plants. Our aim to become to this country what the great European growers are to Europe is gradually becoming realized. We have steadfastly refused to be anything but Delphinium specialists and have never let the commercial spirit overcome our enthusiasm as flower lovers. A great painter, although he may be glad to get a good price for his painting, is always principally animated by love for his art.

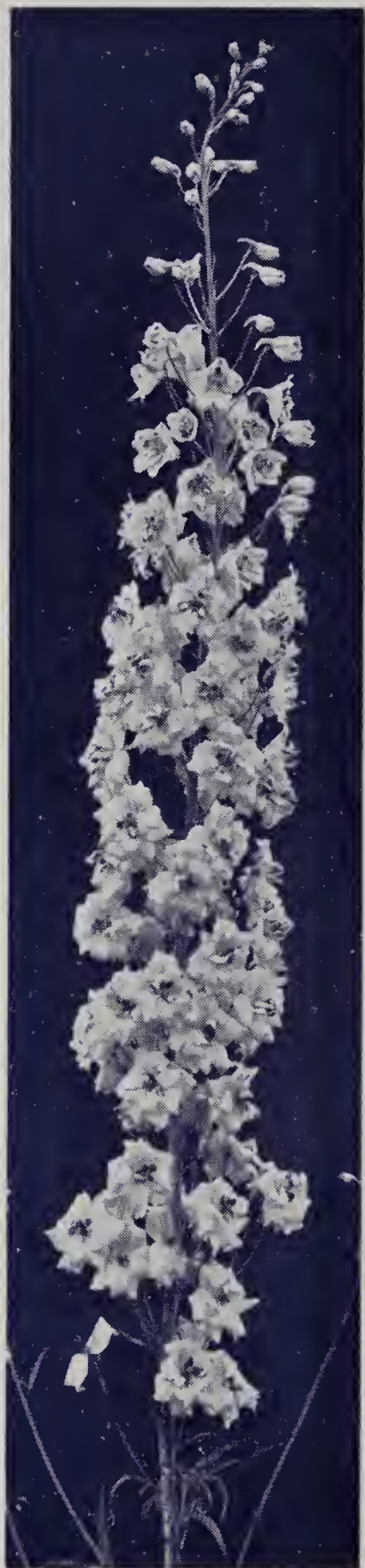
## *Wings Delphiniums*

The Delphinium is a very hardy perennial thriving in any climate. It needs deep, rich soil and plenty of water and sunshine. If given these it will reward you without stint; it will bloom twice and in some localities three times each season. It is indescribably beautiful and majestic whether planted en masse or as borders.

To attempt to describe the colors of our Delphiniums is a hopeless task. The colors run the entire gamut of blues from sky and mauve to deepest indigo and purple. The center is often called a bee and many of them resemble a real bee. They give distinction to these lovely flowers and it is a most interesting thing to take careful note of the various types. All of them look as if they were made of a fine quality of fur. Some are white and flat, some are crawling, some are honey yellow. Others are dark brown, bronze or mouse colored, and sometimes you will find brown or light ones feathered with bronze, gold or light green. It is a pleasure to take a magnifying glass into the garden and study these interesting centers.

A fragrant flower has a grace all its own and is particularly dear to the heart of all flower lovers.





A PINK SEEDLING

We have noticed for a number of years that although Delphiniums have not been considered in that class that a number of ours have a delicate and sweet perfume and now we find that at least fifty per cent of those growing in our garden are truly fragrant.

For a number of years several flower lovers of Portland, Oregon, had been importing modern Delphinium seed from England and Wales. Two of these amateur enthusiasts, falling in love with the stateliness and wonderful beauty of the Wrexhams, and knowing how few people even knew of their existence, decided to do what they could in bringing these majestic flowers to the attention and appreciation of the general public, hence the Wings Delphinium Garden. By the selection of the finest plants and the destruction of all others, as well as by continued importation of the finest seed obtainable, we have gradually developed a stock of plants and seed which we sincerely believe to be unexcelled here and abroad, both in form and color.

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We grow Delphiniums exclusively and our garden is small—less than an acre. This makes it possible for us to give close attention to every plant and to prevent pollination from inferior blooms.

Some dealers in gems have large quantities of jewels of all grades of excellence; others have only diamonds of the first water and their entire stock of precious stones can be kept in a very small strong box. The Wings Delphinium Garden has chosen the latter way. Great works of art are not produced by the thousands in factories; neither can the finest flowers be produced by the thousands in large fields like grain.

All flower-minded people feel the charm of a lovely garden, and the garden in which Delphiniums are loved and grown in masses is the most beautiful of all. Gardening is just as much an art as painting, sculpture and poetry are, and there are gardeners who take great joy in painting garden pictures of the most entrancing colors and shades. If you have never tried this, do so, and paint one of blue splen-





dor with these lovely things, for they will bring a radiant atmosphere into your garden and people will come from far and near to gaze in happy appreciation. You will be including in your picture many hummingbirds and butterflies, as well as bees, for they all love Delphiniums and help by pollinating to bring about more wonderful combinations of color than you have yet seen.

The mild climate of Western Oregon is especially favorable for developing perfection in these flowers and their hardy character enables them to do well in more severe climates.

## *Culture*

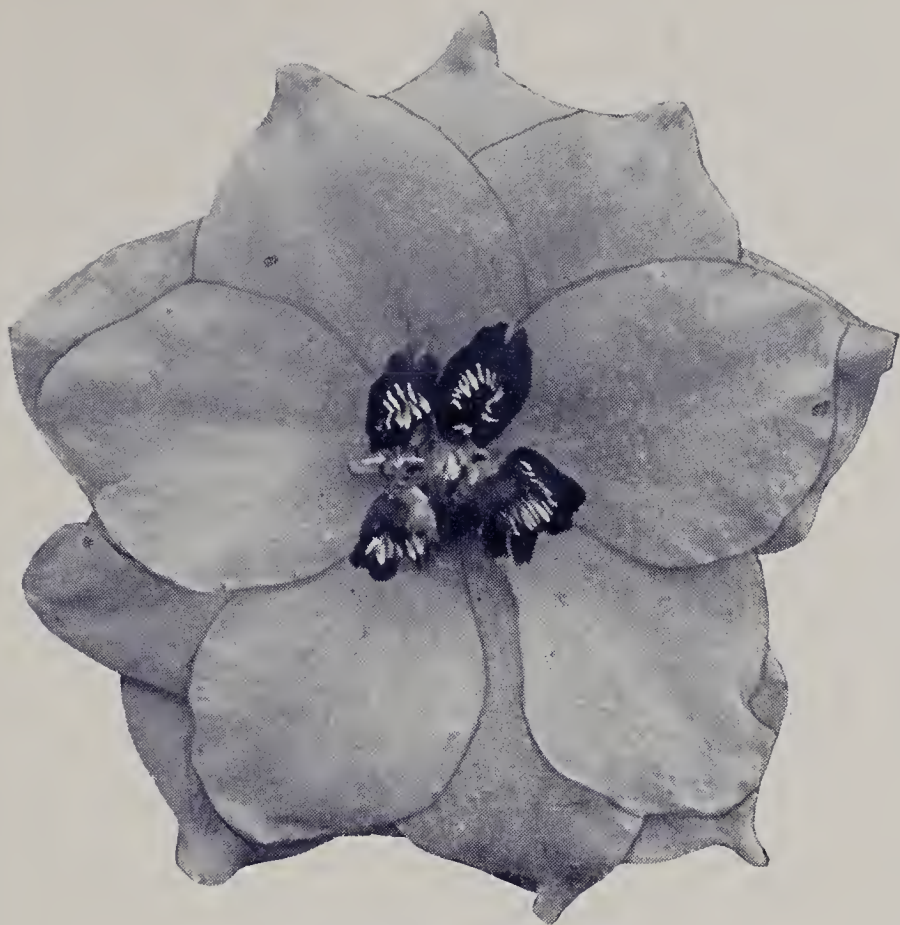
We sow seed in well drained boxes in rich, mellow soil which is thoroughly saturated with water before seed is sown. Sow in very shallow drills not too crowded and cover very thinly, from one-sixteenth to one-eighth of an inch. Press down with a board. Seeds germinate slowly, sometimes a whole month before plants appear. Keep shaded and moist during period of germination. Watering must be carefully done so as not to wash the seed out of the ground. More failures are occasioned by sowing too deep or letting get dry during germination than from any other cause. During winter or early spring, sowing can be done in a greenhouse or warm room, but not too warm, not over 55-60 degrees F., or plants will "damp off".

Raising plants from seed presents no special difficulty, and in each package of seed are a hundred potential promises of beauty; but for success care and patience are necessary. Plant out in the open when size of plants and temperature are suitable.

These perennials will do well in any rich garden soil, well fertilized, cultivated and watered. When plants develop into clumps, these should be two feet apart. We use raw bone meal as a fertilizer.

The arch enemy of the Delphinium is the slug and young seedlings must be vigilantly watched. Scatter coarse sand around your plants in winter and coarse coal ashes on crowns of older clumps. Slugs cannot thrive in either.





VANITY FAIR (*exact size*)

## *Special*

We have decided to discontinue the shipping of plants of any kind, including Baby Seedlings. It was found that shipment by mail was unsatisfactory and by express too expensive. The time gained by buying plants rather than seed is not considered important enough to justify the extra cost. Furthermore by buying one or more packages of seed rather than a few dozens of plants the chance of obtaining novelties is multiplied several times.

We are members of both American and British Delphinium Societies.

## *White Delphiniums*

The seed of our beautiful White Delphiniums, White Wings, are no longer kept separate but included in our new *Wings Special Mixture*.

## *Prices of Wings Seed*

Per package of more than 100 seeds: Mixed seed, \$1.00; named varieties, \$1.50; mixed named varieties, \$2.00; Wings Special Mixture, \$2.00; Gentian Blue, \$2.00.

### *List of Wings Named Varieties*

*Springtide* — Large semi-double Rosalene Pink. Outer petals Sky Blue banded Rosalene Pink, and inner petals Rosalene Pink. Irregular white bee.

*Joan of Arc* — Very large semi-double. Outer petals Lyons Blue, tipped Hyacinth Violet. Inner petals Hyacinth Violet. Large dark brown furry bee. Striking flower.

*Vision* — Large single Forget-Me-Not Blue. Three petals are marked with pale Hortense Violet. Small guard petals are Hortense Violet curving over bee. Vision is from Watkin Samuel's Queen Mauve.

*Sally Ann* — Large single Mazarine Blue. Petals heavily tinted with Mallow Pink. Small dark bee.

*Robin Hood* — Large semi-double. Outer petals are Phenyl Blue and inner petals are Manganese Violet. White spreading bee.

*Good Morning* — Wonderful single, frosted pale Forget-Me-Not Blue, tinged with Persian Lilac. Small white eye. Large flowers.

*Millicent* — Semi-double Forget-Me-Not Blue, iridescent, faintly tinged with Mallow Pink.

*Vanity Fair* — Large semi-double with outer petals shaded Forget-Me-Not Blue. Inner petals pale Ampero Purple. Brown bee, feathered gold.

*Paul Revere* — Semi-double Hortense Violet. Bronze bee. Large flat flower.

*Feathers* — Perfect single Hortense Violet shaded Smalt Blue. Gold bee with three tiny white feathers. Lovely spike of flowers.

*Blue Zephyr*—Single Ultramarine Blue. Mouse colored bee.

*Pilgrim*—Very large flat semi-double, dark Petunia Violet, unusual bee, half white edged Petunia Violet and half Petunia Violet edged white.

*Mixed Copper*—From deepest Maroon Purple through Pansy and Aster Purple shades.

*Mixed Pink*—From Rosalene Pink through varied shades to almost Shell Pink.

*Clementine* — Large Single Bradly Blue, three petals banded Roods Violet. Good sized white spreading bee, tipped with Roods Violet. Strikingly beautiful flower.

*Priscilla*—Large single Cameo Pink over Wedgewood Blue.

*Gentian Blue*—Semi-double, ultramarine ash, white or brown bee. Very beautiful.

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*The richer the soil, the better the delphiniums. Sweeten the soil with lime.*

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*We will hereafter confine our business solely to the sale of seed.*

*All orders must be accompanied by cash, check or money order. No C. O. D. orders filled.*

*We do not break seed packets. Any seed sold by us will germinate if properly treated and we cannot be responsible for non-germination due to careless handling. We make no exceptions to these rules. We are not wholesalers; our efforts are directed towards quality rather than quantity; however, on 10 packets of seed we will give 20% off. On larger orders we might make special arrangement for discount.*

# *Excerpts from Letters*

## FROM A FLORIST

I have grown plants from your mixed seed and found how easy they sell themselves. They are by far the most beautiful Delphiniums I have ever seen.

Nichols, Conn.

I am an old customer of yours and have a wonderful collection but am ordering these to see if I can still get something new.

St. Clairsville, Ohio.

I purchased a package of seed from you last fall . . . and we are more than pleased . . . there are none around here like them.

East Lansing, Mich.

I have some wonderful plants from seed that I got from you three years ago. They are much admired and are a joy to me.

Salt Lake City, Utah.

Herewith please find check for \$5.00 for which please forward mixed seed. The ones I had from you last year are blooming now and are just wonderful.

Chico, California.

I am proud of my Delphinium bed this year, planted two years ago from Wings Delphinium seed, so I am sending you kodak pictures to show what your seeds will do in the land of sunshine and flowers.

Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Needless to say plants from your seed are far superior to anything I have ever grown.

Morrisville, Vermont.

I raised sixty Delphinium plants from a package of your mixed seed. They are now in blossom and I have never seen anything more gorgeous. They are so lovely I can hardly imagine what your more choice varieties can be. I feel one should tell you how much joy a package of your seed carries.

St. Paul, Minnesota.

The plants started from your seed last year have been most magnificent, causing much comment.





Wings Renowned                      { Mostly  
DELPHINIUMS                      { Wrexham strain }

*Unexcelled Here or Abroad*

## SPECIAL 1932 OFFER

For the last few years we have had a special sale of seed of our choicest Mixed Named Varieties at half price.

This year our special offer is as follows:

1. Five packages of Wings Special Mixture, \$5.00. This mixture is selected from specially fine plants. It contains seed from our beautiful White Delphiniums, White Wings. The regular price is \$2.00 a package.
2. Five packages of our new Gentian Blue, a strikingly beautiful novelty, \$5.00. The regular price is \$2.00 a package.

Any combination of above,  
5 packages for \$5.00

These offers are good only in  
the quantities named.

All orders must be prepaid.

No C. O. D. orders accepted.

Wings Delphiniums are unexcelled both for  
*Cut Flowers and Garden Displays*

## WINGS DELPHINIUM GARDEN

Box 3380

PORTLAND

OREGON



Allegan, Michigan.

Ten gorgeous plants from Wings' two dollar package. Some seed washed away. I am perfectly satisfied with those I have. I would like the world to see them.

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

I took first prize for vase of Hybrid Delphiniums at the State Federation Garden and Flower Show at the Milwaukee Auditorium June 20-22. The Wauwatosa Garden Club had its first show in September and I received a blue ribbon for Wings' Delphiniums. At the Wisconsin State Fair this same month I received first prize for best vase of Delphiniums and first on six perennials, one of which was your Delphinium. This was on Monday and on Tuesday took first prize for best vase of New Hybrid Delphiniums, so that gives me five blue ribbons this year for Wings' Delphiniums.

Burlington, Ontario, Canada.

Plants from seed previously procured from you are now in full bloom, a very, very fine lot, greatly admired by all.

Hollyburn, B. C., Canada.

Last spring I had a mixed package of seed from you. They are blooming now, the most beautiful Delphiniums I have seen. Please send me another package.

Camberley, Surrey, England.

The seed I purchased from you produced some most beautiful Delphiniums. The seed germinated I should think 100% sown in the open ground. Some of them are so fine that I have marked them for exhibition next year in the seedling classes at the British Delphinium Show. I should much like to try your seed again.

Gurnee, Illinois.

Last year I sent for a dollar package of your Mixed Delphinium seed. Only a few have bloomed this spring but those few were so wonderful, so large, surpassing anything I had in my gardens, that I am anxious to try some more of your seed.

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*These are just a few excerpts from the many, many letters expressing praise of our Delphiniums.*



